

Responsibilities for Contracted Employment Provision

In 2007-08 there was a change of accountability for Contracted Employment Provision (CEP) with responsibility transferring from Jobcentre Plus to the Work, Welfare and Equality Group (WWEG), part of the DWP Corporate Centre. The purpose of the transfer is to consolidate strategy, finance, procurement and provision planning and drive up the overall effectiveness of key service areas.

New organisational and governance arrangements have been introduced in WWEG to underpin these new accountabilities and manage the delivery of the CEP budget. Jobcentre Plus (JCP) will retain responsibility managing the customer experience via advisers. To support the local nature of financial management work at a regional and district level some finance staff will be retained within JCP with services provided through a Service Level Agreement to WWEG.

Within WWEG the Contracted Employment Provision Delivery Board (CEPDB) has been established to oversee the management of CEP, ensuring that contracted provision is designed to deliver ministerial objectives to the right quality within agreed expenditure limits. The Board, chaired by the Delivery Director, is comprised of senior managers from WWEG, Jobcentre Plus and Commercial Employment Provision ensuring senior input from everyone with responsibility for the delivery of employment programmes.

Net Employment Programmes Costs

	Note	2007-2008 £'000s	2006-2007 Re-stated £'000s
Help for Unemployed People			
Employment Zones		123,035	110,179
Working Neighbourhoods Pilot	a	-	2,357
External Action Teams	a	-	10,968
Princes Youth Business Trust	a	-	997
Work Based Learning for Adults	a	-	24,020
European Social Fund		54,516	70,309
Jobsearch Provision/Programme Centres		9,614	8,354
Ambition	a	-	124
Adviser Discretion Fund		14,261	12,845
Internal Action Teams	a	-	5,686
Ethnic Minorities Pilot		4,670	2,454
Deprived Area Fund/Cities Strategy	b	58,996	-
Other		40,708	30,268
less European Social Fund Income	c	(54,398)	(71,024)
less Other Income		(709)	(563)
Help for Unemployed People Total		250,693	206,974
New Deal Programmes			
New Deals for 18-24 and 25+		415,817	321,887
New Deal for Lone Parents		60,353	41,517
New Deal for Disabled People		78,447	72,981
New Deal for Partners		354	613
New Deal for 50+		186	247
less European Social Fund Income	c	(103,905)	(45,000)
less Income		(1,249)	(1,895)
New Deal Total		450,003	390,350
Help for Disabled People			
Remploy	d	195,800	133,801
Workstep		66,666	63,861
Access To Work		75,841	59,839
Residential Training Centres		17,085	18,610
Work Preparation		10,708	10,614
Incapacity Benefit Reforms /Pathways to Work	e	69,542	39,213
Other		839	969
Help for Disabled People Total		436,481	326,907
Pneumoconiosis		27,440	32,670
Non-cash items:			
Provisions movement in year		-	(4,453)
TOTAL NET EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMMES		1,164,617	952,448

Notes

- a. The following programmes ended in 2006/07:
- Working Neighbourhoods Pilot
 - External and Internal Action Teams
 - Princes Youth Business Trust
 - Work Based Learning for Adults (in England)
 - Ambition
- b. Deprived Area Fund/Cities Strategy. Deprived Area Fund was launched at the end of 2006 and spend was included in the 'Other' category within Help for Unemployed People in 2006/07. Contracts to deliver both Deprived Area Fund and Cities Strategy were in place for the 2007/08 financial year therefore spend has been included as a separate entry this year.
- c. European Social Fund (ESF) Income. From April 2003 the nine English Jobcentre Plus regions became ESF co-financing organisations and from July 2006 Jobcentre Plus became a co-financing organisation for the ESF central fund. This has enabled the Department to add value or fund additional places to domestically funded projects that support its aims and objectives. ESF income is treated as negative public expenditure which reduces the burden on the UK Exchequer. All ESF income received is used to fund expenditure incurred by the Department.
- d. Remploy Limited. Remploy is an Executive Non-Departmental Public Body, limited by guarantee and, for accounting purposes, a public corporation which publishes its own Annual Report and Accounts and whose net liabilities are guaranteed by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions. The payment to Remploy represents grant in aid to help meet the additional costs associated with supporting very large numbers of disabled people.
- In 2007/08 Remploy received additional funding for the Modernisation Plan that was agreed with Ministers in November 2007. The plan provides £1111m over 5 years of which £50m was provided in 2007/08.
- e. Pathways to Work. There was increased activity in 2007/08 due to the continuing roll-out of the new Pathways to Work programme.